

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

1 (currently amended). A telephonic equipment compatible keypad for entering discrete alphanumeric data, the keypad comprising:

~~a housing containing a telephone set compatible array of manually operated actuators; the array having four rows of three manually operated actuators per each row; and each manually operated actuator being selectably operable to provide one of three discrete outcomes, including a push button assembly and a switch assembly, with the switch assembly consisting of two switches and the push button assembly being manually operable to selectably close either switch individually and both switches together; and~~

a processor circuit having an input in electrical communication with each of the two switches of each switch assembly, the processor circuit operable to discern continuity in an electrical circuit of the switch assembly of each of the manually operable actuators, and to output an appropriate outcome of three possible outcomes for each actuator upon a manual operation of the push button assembly.

2. (canceled)

3. (canceled)

4. (canceled)

5. (canceled)

6. (currently amended) The telephonic equipment compatible keypad of ~~claim 5~~ claim 1, wherein the processor circuit further comprises a discriminator circuit to detect an inappropriate switch operation.

7. (currently amended) The telephonic equipment compatible keypad of claim 1, wherein the manually operated actuator of ~~claim 3~~; further comprising ~~[[a]]~~ the push button assembly including a combination rocker and push button means manually operable to selectably close either switch individually and both switches together.

8. (original) The push button assembly of claim 7, wherein the combination rocker and push button means includes an upper surface that is a user interface, the user interface having a configuration selected from the group consisting of: the combination button with bossed ends, the combination button with wedge ends; the combination button with lever ends; the combination button with bossed center; the combination button with center lever; and the combination button with center recess.

9. (canceled)

10. (original) The telephonic equipment compatible keypad of claim 1, wherein the push button assembly of ~~claim 2~~, ~~wherein the push button means~~ includes an upper surface that is a user interface, the user interface having a configuration selected from the group consisting of: a depressable triple boss cover, a combination rocker and push button, a rocker with center button, and a combination slide and push button, ~~and triple push button~~.

11. (original) The manually operated activator of ~~claim 2~~ claim 1, wherein the switch assembly further comprises switches that are single pole, single throw momentary switches.

12. (currently amended) The manually operated activator of ~~claim 2~~ claim 1, wherein the switch assembly further comprises switches that are double pole, single throw momentary switches.

13. (canceled)

14. (canceled)

15. (new) The telephonic equipment compatible keypad of claim 1, wherein at least one of the manually operated actuators in the array is operable as a mode key.

Applicant believe that this amendment fully satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121 as set forth in the Rules. Applicant respectfully requests continued examination of the case in view of the instant claims, and submits that in consideration of the above amendments and remarks the application is now in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to contact the undersigned to timely resolve any minor issues that may remain in the application in order to facilitate timely prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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